

Subject: Microsoft Settlement

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**The Proposed Final Judgment is not in the public interest, and should not be adopted.** The Proposed Final Judgment as written allows significant anticompetitive practices to continue, and would inhibit the emergence of competing Windows-compatible operating systems.

Microsoft increases the 'applications barrier to entry' by using restrictive license terms and intentional incompatibilities. Yet the PFJ fails to prohibit this, and even contributes to this part of the 'applications barrier to entry'.

The PFJ does not require Microsoft to release documentation about the format of Microsoft Office documents. This provision could be a vital key to enabling competitive software products in the marketplace.

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